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Project ChildSafe brings free gunlocks to area for distribution

Representatives of Project ChildSafe recently visited the Elba Police Department and delivered free cable-style gunlocks and accompanying educational materials for local citizens.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation has partnered with local law enforcement to distribute more than 250,000 free gun locks in Alabama as part of the national Project ChildSafe (PCS) initiative. PCS reminds gun owners to take steps to prevent a loaded gun from falling into the hands of a child, thereby preventing tragic accidents.

Phase Two of Project ChildSafe is funded by two grants from the U.S. Department of Justice that total \$30 million. These two grants will fund the program from Sept. 1, 2004 through Aug. 31, 2005. Phase One of Project ChildSafe was funded by a \$50 million U.S. Department of Justice grant.

The current campaign will distribute over 12 million free firearm safety kits and follows the successful Phase One distribution of 20 million firearm safety kits over the past year to all 50 states.

"There continues to be a significant demand for firearm safety education across America, and we are pleased that Project ChildSafe is able to meet that demand with millions of additional free firearm safety kits," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation. "We are continuing to remind gun owners that their most important responsibility is to know how to safely handle and properly store firearms in the home."

In Coffee County, representatives of Project ChildSafe delivered the safety kits and educational materials to the Elba Police Department, Kinston Police Department, New Brockton Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

For further information, visit the website at www.projectchildsafe.org.



ELBA POLICE OFFICER BRIAN LUSHER is shown holding one of the free cable-style gunlocks currently available at the police department. The gunlocks and educational materials, made available through the Project ChildSafe program, are located in the lobby of the police department.

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Minimally invasive "small incision" surgery (MIS) has gained popularity in many forms ranging from abdominal surgery to shoulder rotator cuff repair. Recent innovations in surgical technique and instrumentation now allow total joint arthroplasty to be performed through smaller incisions with less tissue dissection as well.

Currently, Drs. Fleming Brooks and Patrick Lett are on the leading edge of this trend performing MIS total hip and knee replacements. Through the use of smaller surgical windows patients are able to recover from surgery much more rapidly with less pain. "Total hip arthroplasty through a minimally invasive approach permits surgery through a much smaller incision and allows us not to disrupt many muscles and tendons that used to be sacrificed," states Dr. Lett. "We have noted a more rapid recovery with less pain and weakness. Hospital stays are shorter, and rehabilitation is easier and less painful."

The surgeons are partners in Southern Bone and Joint Specialists based in Enterprise. Adds Dr. Brooks, "I feel that with the expertise that Dr. Lett brings with him from his training at the Mayo Clinic along with the outstanding facilities, anesthesia team and internal medical staff we have here in Enterprise, we offer a level of care that is rare for a city of this size."

Dr. Brooks and Dr. Lett are currently accepting new patients at the Enterprise office and can be reached at (334)308-9797.



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TOWN

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section.

"We can't build something out there that's going to cost people's lives," he said.

Citizens continued to insist the plan for the current road will cut New Brockton off from Elba and Enterprise, and once motorists get on the bypass, they will not get off just to come to New Brockton.

Mayor Cole said a lot of the "thru" traffic Griffin spoke of stops at the Big/Little Store in the mornings to get coffee, a biscuit, etc. He said the town will lose that business if the current Highway 84 is not left open as an alternate route.

"There's no way to build a bypass and not build a bypass," Griffin said. "When we build the bypass, that will be the main road."

While the majority of those in attendance for the town meeting seemed opposed to the current plan, there were a few who agreed with the highway depart-

ment's plan.

One resident who lives on the Enterprise side of New Brockton said he agrees with the plan because it will make things safer. He said he never even let his children ride the school bus because of the dangers of the current road.

Some continued to express their opposition to taking out small portions of the current road on both ends. They wondered why the road can't simply be left as it is to be an alternate route.

Griffin basically said it comes down to safety. He said the object is to make the road as easy as possible for those who want to travel to and around New Brockton.

"Safety is paramount in what we do," Baldwin said. "Safety is first then we look at everything else."

He said the road plan for the New Brockton area is the safest way the road can be constructed

based on the conditions.

Both Griffin and Baldwin confirmed during Monday's meeting that there will be six intersections leading into New Brockton from the bypass. Signs will clearly mark the downtown area.

"What we're trying to do is make minor changes to improve the ingress and egress of the road," Griffin said. "Minor changes and road signage is basically what we can do to help the Town of New Brockton."



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Elba chief of police position attracts nine applicants

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The City of Elba found nine individuals interested in becoming the town's next chief of police last week when the application procedure closed Friday, March 18.

Among the applicants were four Elba residents, two Enterprise residents, one Kinston resident, one Dothan resident and one Enterprise resident. They were: Donald Wayne Farris, Kinston; Stanley E. DeVane, Dothan; Freddy L.

Hanchey, Elba; Jackie O. Farmer, Elba; Michael A. Mariano, Enterprise; Maxwell Hooks, Andalusia; Michael Dean Blair, Elba; Boyd Hartzog, Enterprise; and Dalton Hendrix Francis Jr., Elba.

According to city officials, they will now begin reviewing the applications and proceed with interviews with those candidates deemed most qualified for the position. Once the interview process is completed, the mayor will make his recommendation to the Elba City Council. However, there is no set time frame on when this process will be complete.

Officials did stress that the candidate chosen to become Elba's next chief of police will be required to reside within the city limits of Elba.

The position was vacated by R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth on Wednesday, Feb. 16, when he surprised officials with his resignation. Since that time, Freddy Hanchey has been serving as interim chief.



CHAMBER HOSTS LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST—A large crowd of interested citizens and business representative gathered at the social hall of Elba's First Baptist Church last Friday morning for a Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. While enjoying the traditional breakfast foods prepared by The Ranch House Cafeteria, the attendees received an update from Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer regarding their Legislative session. Both Spicer and Holley reported on various matters of interest. Also attending the Legislative Breakfast were the newly crowned Miss Elba queens, Kendall Stinson, Christina Bryant, Caitlin Bradshaw and Brayton Martin.

Southeast Alabama Community Band set to present concert at Elba High School

For the fifth consecutive year, the Southeast Alabama Community Band will present a concert at the Elba High School auditorium. This year's concert

is planned for Tuesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m.

The band is conducted by Dr. John M. Long, director emeritus, of Troy University Band.

The community band consists of 50 musicians which include high school band directors, university music professors, two medical doctors, business-

men and retired professional musicians from all over the Southeast Alabama region.

The band will play traditional overtures, Sousa marches and Broadway show tunes and always features outstanding soloists.

This year, the band will feature David Kirby, a minister and radio personality from WTBE, Troy. He will sing and act as Harold Hill in selections from the "Music Man" arranged by Ralph Ford.

Guest conductors will be Jeff Ellis and Tom Maddox, directors of the high school and elementary band programs in the Elba City School System.

Then band always plays a great traditional band overture.

NOTICE

The Alabama Department of Transportation informs the public that Bullard Excavating, Inc. began work on Monday, March 21, 2005 on constructing the planning, resurfacing and traffic stripe on various routes in and around Opp. The length of the project is 9.174 miles in the counties of Covington and Coffee, state of Alabama. The entire project is to be completed in 45 working days.

The contractor has erected advance construction warning signs to advise the traveling public of the construction work zone. Also the contractor will utilize a pilot car and portable signs to safety guide motorists through the construction work zone.

Motorists are urged to reduce speed and use caution when traveling through and around the equipment workers.

Fire Chief Harry Driggers honored by Brantley Town Council

The Town of Brantley's 20-year fire chief, Harry Driggers, seemed humbled recently by the attention he received from his community.

On Monday evening, March 7, Brantley Mayor Bernie Sullivan and the members of the town council officially named the building that houses the Brantley Volunteer Fire Department as the Harry Driggers Building.

Driggers, who is originally from Elba, recalled that when he started in the fire department at Fort Rucker, he took over a unit of men that contributed to his success as a firefighter, as well as, a chief.

Among the many guests to attend the special ceremony honoring Driggers were Crenshaw County Probate Judge Jim Perdue, Commissioner Ronnie Hudson, as well as, long time friend Winzell Gray. Gray worked under Driggers supervision in the Fort Rucker firefighters unit during Driggers' early

years as a fire chief. Commissioner Hudson presented Driggers with a proclamation declaring March 7, 2005 as Harry Driggers Day. Each of the town council members also expressed gratitude and thanks to Driggers for his years of service to the community and people of Brantley.

"I would put our volunteer fire department up against any fire department in the state," Mayor Sullivan told Driggers. "And much of that's because of you, Harry."

In Driggers' closing remarks, he said, "I couldn't have asked to serve with a better bunch of people."



This archived photo is of Brantley Fire Chief Harry Driggers and his first unit at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Those pictured include (from left): John Coon, firefighter; Opp; Alonza Holland, firefighter; Troy; Winzell Gray, driver-operator; Elba; and Harry Driggers, crew chief, Brantley.

and this year will play the "Overture to Nabucco" by Verdi. It is a truly great overture in the classical band repertoire.

This concert is sponsored by the City of Elba and Elba band program. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Bethany Dye gains experience as editor of Troy University's school newspaper

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Bethany Dye found an interest in journalism during her senior year at Elba High School.

After spending that year as a member of the journalism staff, she chose to pursue a career in the field. Now, she is only months away from graduating from Troy University with a degree in print journalism/public relations.

Looking back, she said she believes hands-on experience has really helped to prepare her for that next step.

Dye was named editor of the Tropititan (also known as "The Trop") in August of 2004. She began working with the school newspaper a few years back as a reporter. Later she became the assistant news editor, which set her up to take over as editor for the current school year.

Dye has many responsibilities as editor of the newspaper. She manages a staff of 20-25 people (fellow students), oversees work on the various sections of the paper, plans stories to be assigned, runs staff meetings, works with the photo editor, handles some content editing and pagination while also taking care of general office work. Not to mention, she has to remember she is a student first and foremost.

"I pretty much do what needs to be done," she said.

Before she became a member of the Trop staff, Dye said she really had no idea of how a newspaper office operated, but it did

not take long to open her eyes.

"I've learned a lot about myself and people," she said. "You just have to be ready to do things."

She said she has found that she really enjoys newspaper work because there's always something new to do.

"You may get tired sometimes," she said. "But, you never get in a rut."

Recently Dye was among several Troy University journalism students that received recognition from the Southeast Journalism Conference.

The Troy students competed with students from 60 other schools throughout the southeast in this annual competition.

Dye entered the College Journalist of the Year category and received 10th place in the competition.

Now as she looks to the future, Dye said she wants to do something that allows her to apply the skills she has obtained.

"I want to be doing something that is challenging and benefiting to people," she said.



Elba's Bethany Dye looks over the most current edition of the Tropititan, the school newspaper for Troy University. Dye has been editor of "the Trop" since August 2004. She is currently a senior at Troy and will graduate with a degree in print journalism/public relations in May.

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REMINDER

Chapter Four of "The Assignment" is located on Page 2 in this week's edition of The Elba Clipper.

Jobs available with two Wiregrass manufacturers

A new custom countertop manufacturer in Samson and an automotive supplier in Elba have jobs available for Wiregrass residents. Job seekers for each location must complete AIDT training to be considered for employment.

The Samson Stone Company

Inc. is seeking fabricators and installers for its soon-to-open facility in Geneva County that will supply countertops for the housing and condominium markets in the Gulf Coast region from Tallahassee, Florida, to Mobile. The company will employ approximately 15 people when fully operational.

Toledo Molding and Die Inc. in Elba specializes in injection and blow molding plastic parts and assembly of automotive HVAC components, duct systems, and air induction systems.

AIDT training applications are available at the Alabama Career Centers in Enterprise at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle and in Andalusia at 312 West Gate Plaza. Training applications for the Samson Stone Company jobs are also available at Samson City Hall at 104 East Main Street. Training applications for Toledo Molding and Die are also available at the plant at 275 Highway 203 (State Road 189) in Elba.

AIDT training programs are conducted at night to allow trainees to continue working at their current jobs. Training is provided at no cost to trainees and trainees are not paid while enrolled. Employment is not

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EDITORIAL

Most Social Security business can be handled by telephone

You have been in outer space if the case of the Florida woman and her feeding tube removal hasn't bounced off your eyes and ears every time you read a newspaper or listen to radio/television. Terri Schiavo has been in hospitals for the past 15 years, following complications during a surgery procedure. Experts apparently disagree over her degree of brain damage. It has put her husband and her parents on opposing sides of countless state and federal lawsuits. It has apparently also made them bitter enemies, judging by some very harsh charges each side has spit out about the other side. We have no idea what is right in this particular case. We do think that meddling by the U. S. Congress is - well excessive. Also whatever the federal judge in Florida decides following the new federal Schiavo law, he has impressed us thus far. His decision to take the case under advisement rather than rule immediately maintains some sense of being above the political and emotional hype surrounding this case.

Hopefully this tragic case will alert every American citizen on the critical need for a living will. It puts in writing exactly what an individual wants and expects if and when struck by such a tragic blow as what hit Terri Schiavo and her whole family. Such a form can't address every possible situation, but it surely would have helped Terri's husband, parents and medical doctors. We know from having walked that path - twice, that these written, signed and notarized instructions do not make things easy on the decision maker left behind, but much, much easier. The living will would have also left the U. S. Congress precious hours to work on the other vast problems facing this country. Well, the Florida legislature has spent time on the issue also. Oh, and all the hours spent in filing and refiling lawsuits (and then appealing the decision) for the past 15 years would have been eliminated.

Another troubled teenager has made headlines in one of those tragic high school shootings. This time it was on an Indian reservation in northern Minnesota. News reports were still sketchy at this writing, but at least ten people appear to have died, including the shooter and his grandparents. Every time something like this happens the natural reaction is to urge more security. Reportedly in this case there was a security guard on duty at the small 350 student school, but the boy killed him right off the bat. Why? We will probably never know the answer to that question.

Entirely too many people are just slobs, there is no other way to describe them. Case in point . . . last Saturday the pressure got a bit heavy that the grass at our house needed trimming. Of course the first thing to do was pick up the paper and such. Well if you hadn't seen us picking up the paper on Saturday afternoon you wouldn't have known it by Sunday morning. It was clear that once someone finished their fast food burger, fries or drink, the wrapper and cup went out the window. Many of them were in our front yard. We witnessed an occupant of one sports car (black) pitch a beer bottle out the window. That one didn't make it to our yard, it shattered on the asphalt.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 14, 2005, investigated the following incidents: two for burglary, two for harassment, one school incident, one menacing, three for theft of property, four for criminal mischief, one private property wreck, one harassing communications, one identity theft, one found property, two for domestic violence and one property damage.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment, one for domestic violence, two for menacing, one for criminal trespassing, one for harassing communications, one for theft of property, three for criminal mischief.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for speeding and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MAR. 14 - Domestic disturbance reported across the street from 3577 County Rd. 514 (12:29 a.m.); River stage - 7.18 feet (6:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 825 Washington Ave. (6:29 a.m.); Assault (not in progress) reported at 1607 Powell Circle (3:39 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 873 Cedar Lane Dr. (7:17 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1621 Caroline St. (8:34 p.m.).
TUESDAY, MAR. 15 - Fight in progress reported in front of Hammond Funeral Home (3:18 p.m.).

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THE ASSIGNMENT

CHAPTER FOUR

by Linda M. Hodge

Jess had been in the attic many times through the years and never noticed anything indicative of her relationship with her mother. She couldn't imagine what her dad was going to show her. "I don't think there's anything up here that I haven't seen before," she insisted. "I really don't know how this is going to help."

Her dad didn't say much in response. He just kept walking towards the back of the attic. Jess might have been confused, but he knew exactly what he was doing.

She soon realized her dad was walking towards an old medium-sized chest that had always sat in the back corner of the attic. She had often wondered about the contents of the chest, but it was locked with no key to be found. Jess decided a long time ago that no one knew what was inside. Apparently, she was wrong.

"I promised your mom I would wait until you were old enough and seemed ready before opening this chest," he said as he stared at the dusty box.

He said his wife wanted the timing to be right when he opened the chest for their daughter.

"You asked a lot of questions about your mom when you were younger, but I decided you were too young to share the contents of the chest," he continued. "As you got older, you quit asking questions, and I wondered if I had waited too long. Now, I know we were waiting for this night."

Dad wasn't making a lot of sense, and Jess was growing impatient. What was the big deal about the contents of the chest, and how was this going to help with the assignment?

As he opened the lid of the chest, Jess noticed it was full of some sort of memorabilia. There was no way a bunch of old pictures and notes were going to help her understand a relationship she couldn't remember.

Dad pulled only a single notebook from the chest before shutting the lid again.

"As I said before, your mother has always had a much larger impact on our lives than you realize. This notebook proves that."

It was full of all kinds of suggestions and ideas. There were opinions on how to handle this and that situation, and lists of things to do

and places to go. Jess recognized many of those as being things she had done with her dad. "What is this?" she asked. "It's your mother's way of helping me with parenthood."

"What do you mean?"

"When we found out your mother's illness was terminal, I panicked. She was so sure we were going to be wonderful parents, but I didn't have her confidence. I knew she would be a great mother, but I didn't know anything about being a father. The idea of having to do it without her was unbearable."

Jess had never seen her dad like this. She had always thought he was so strong and unbreakable. Now, he was revealing a vulnerable side.

"Of course, she wanted to be as much a part of your life as any parent, but it just wasn't in the cards. When she realized there was no way she was going to overcome the illness, she began working on a project to ensure she would be a part of our lives. It started out as a reference for things she had wanted us to do together as a family. Then, she added the suggestions for handling various parenting situations. I really think she created the notebook to calm me, but it became a guideline for our lives. Her words and thoughts were very important to me. These were her hopes and dreams. Had it not been for the illness, we would have experienced those things as a family. I desperately wanted to grant all her hopes and dreams."

Jess never realized her mother had been such a guiding force. She really didn't know how to react.

"The remaining items in the chest are for you from your mom. I'm not sure what's inside, but your mother believed it would be important to you."

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Next Week CHAPTER FIVE
A Change in Attitude

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AIDT, part of the state's two-year college system, develops and coordinates training programs for

companies that create jobs in Alabama through startup or expansion. Since 1971, AIDT has delivered job-specific training programs for more than 200,000 Alabamians employed by more than 3,500 organizations.

Newbia Baptist Church, located on County Road 330, will hold special Easter services this Sunday, March 27.

Services will begin at 6:30 a.m. with Sunrise Service followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall.

Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. with Worship Service at 11 a.m. The choir will present the Easter cantata "Behold the Empty Tomb" during Worship Service.

All proceeds will be donated to the Relay for Life event.

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CHURCH NEWS

Spring Break Finale service planned at Ino Baptist Church

Northern Heights Baptist Church and Ino Baptist Church will be hosting a Spring Break Finale service featuring nationally known youth communicator Neil McClelland and popular concert artist Kevin Dewberry. The service will be held on Saturday April 2, at 7 p.m. at Ino Baptist Church. If you need any information about the weekend events contact Kevin Kelley, Student Pastor at Northern Heights, 897-1864 or John Freeman, Student Pastor, Ino Baptist, 565-3970. Everyone is invited.

St. Beulah presents "Pause For Power Service" March 25th

The St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church presents a "Pause For Power Service" on Good Friday evening, March 25, 2005. Seven ministers will present "The Seven Last Words of Jesus" at St. Beulah. The program begins at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Victoria Baptist Church Relay For Life Bar-B-Que planned for March 26th

Victoria Baptist Church Relay For Life Bar-B-Que will be Saturday, March 26, with pickup of plates and/or Boston butts at 10 a.m. or after.

Bar-B-Que plates will be \$6.50 each. Boston Butts will be given away for a \$40 donation each, made to Relay For Life/American Cancer Society.

Anyone interested in a plate or a butt should contact Zella Mobley at 897-2066 or Tammy Hussey at 897-3745.

Revival planned at God's Power House Evangelist Church

God Power House Evangelist Church, located at 603 Smith Ave., will be in Revival March 30 - April 1st. It will start at 7 p.m. The Evangelist is Steve Lundy.

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SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20:1-31
***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:
The Edwards Family, Lizzie Tyson, Annie Pearl Carpenter, C.W. Williams, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Lela Tyson, Rev. E. Freeman, Rev. Joyce Johnson.

***MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Melane Shipman - March 21; Rev. Joe Smith, Jr. - March 22; Tawanna Rodgers - March 24; James Starks, Jr. - March 26; O.B. Daniels - March 26 (In memory of); Shai Yelverton - March 27; Cicero Henderson - March 28 (In memory of); Grover Belcher - March 28 (In memory of); Adeline Underwood - March 29 (In memory of); Alfred and Vernet Purvis - March 30 (Wedding Anniversary).

***ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY

The annual family and friends day is to be held at the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Elba, Ala. on March 27, 2005 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Horace Fritchard of Saint Paul, A.M.E. of Ozark, Ala.

***REVIVAL AT MT. CALVARY

Rev. Ronald Haynes, pastor of St. Luke A.M.E. of Louisville, Ala. will bring the message for Revival Services at Mount Calvary Baptist Church from March 23 - 25, 2005 at 7:15 nightly.

***1ST ANNIVERSARY OF SINGING ECHOES

The first anniversary of the Singing Echoes of New Bookton, Ala. at Springfield Baptist Church will be held on April 3, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. All soloists, quartets, choirs, and groups are invited.

***PRE-ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

A pre-anniversary concert will be featuring: Angelic Harmonizers of Selma, Ala.; The Traveling Stars of Opp, Ala.; and The Spiritual Jubilees of Troy, Ala. at the Southeast District Singing Convention building (near Danley's Crossroads), County Road 377, Elba, Ala. on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. For more information contact Sabrina Thomas at (334) 897-6423.

Basin Baptist Church list Easter schedule of events

The Basin Baptist Church family invites everyone to celebrate Easter at the church. Services will begin Good Friday, March 25, with a showing of "The Passion of Christ" at 6:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided.

There will be an early morning worship service at 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 27, followed by breakfast at 8 a.m.

"Holy Thursday Service" planned at Elba United Methodist Church

The Elba United Methodist Church will hold a "Holy Thursday Service" this Thursday evening, March 24th at 6:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Ron Stallard - Pastor
Elba Church of God

Savior for all of us.....

It was a very important event. The Jewish people were expecting Heaven to come down to earth and forever the world will be made Holy. The Jewish People were expecting a savior who would set His Kingdom on earth. They would be in power and rule their own people. The Romans would be cast out and Gods people would reign forever. Then, an unthinkable event happened, their savior was tortured and murdered as though He was a criminal. How could they have been wrong? Why did this happen?

Then on the Third day as He had told them. He was not found in the tomb. Mark 16:1-7

16:1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

(from New International Version)

It took a while for this resurrection to sink in. Eventually, the world would know Jesus has risen. His kingdom was not of this world but we could be part of Heaven by knowing He is the Christ. Salvation came to us by the perfect sacrifice. His blood was shed so we could receive forgiveness. He became our hope our peace and our strength. Jesus changed the world forever.

We have a glorious Savior who paid a price we owed and a debt we could not pay. Praise the name of Jesus. What would have happened if He had not paid on the hill called Golgotha? God loved us so much He gave His Son to all of us. Remember to praise Jesus and thank Him. We will glorify His name and worship The Lord as our King.

He did it all. He made everything possible. Jesus is Lord. Praise His Holy Name.

Easter Blessings

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Pastor: Samson, Ala. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m. ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Dan Grubbs Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m. BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Nathan Carroll Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m. BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Eric Phillips-Copes Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Darryl Caldwell Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. BILLY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Tom Sims Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m. BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Robert Davis Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m. CHRIST GROUND METHODIST Pastor: Mark Baster Church Service: 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor: E. H. Hill Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor: Mark Gray Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Fellowship: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night Youth Rest Deal and Children's Activities: 6:00 p.m.	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m. DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Don Grubbs Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Tim Gunnels, Minister Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Pastor: Ron Stallard Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY Pastor: Rev. David Tadlock Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night: 7:00 p.m. ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Pastor: Allen Richards Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m. ELBA IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Rev. Billy Reid Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. ELBA IN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Stanley Carter Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Lovell Martin Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m. FATHI CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor: John Medley Jr. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m. KINSTON IN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Dan Grubbs Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. 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VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Ray Layton Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. NEW BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: R. B. Williams Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.	MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Pastor: Mary Seavey Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Mon. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m. NEW ABUNDANT LIFE OF ELBA Pastor: Mirron & Linda Williams Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Pastor: Loreal Flowers Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Nathaniel Fleming Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Rev. Hollis Bradley Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. PRATHE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Pastor: Betty Morris Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. 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Bobby Holladay Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m. WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Randall Pearson Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. WISE MILE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Kenneth Hagler Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Stanley Carter Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m.
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LIFESTYLES

The Weed School Reunion planned for last Saturday in April

The Weed School Reunion will be held on the last Saturday of April 2005 at the Fellowship Hall at Wood Baptist Church on the Old Three Notch Road, Brantley, Ala.

Relay For Life Country Ho Down set for April 16th

The Relay For Life "Country Ho Down" will be Saturday, April 16, 2005. From 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. the event will be fishing. At 2 p.m. there will be a Domino Tournament. The Boston Butt Sale will be from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and at the same time you can dance to the music of "Blackwater" and Country Western Band.

Admission to fish is \$5 each. There will be a cash prize of \$25 to be awarded for the biggest catfish caught.

Admission for the Domino Tournament is \$5 a person. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$25. If interested call 334-301-1745.

The delicious cooked Boston Butts are \$20 each. Admission for dancing is \$5 a person. If you are attending all day the admission is \$12 per person.

This event is sponsored by The Wiregrass Professional Singles Club, friends and family. Bring lounge chair for sitting please. All proceeds collected for these events will go to the "Relay For Life 2005 Cancer Campaign."

This event will take place at Mr. "Clarence" Mills, 679 Calhoun Rd., Coffee Springs, Ala. The directions are: Go south on Hwy 27 from Enterprise, turn left on County Road 40 going to Coffee Springs, go through four way stop sign, first house on the left. For more information call 334-684-1183.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Westside Baptist Church

Westside Baptist Church Baptist Men will host the annual community Sunrise Service at the church Sunday, March 27, beginning at 6 a.m. Breakfast will follow in the Activities Building. Everyone is invited to the service and breakfast.

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Miss Vaughan Boyd and Mr. Grant Lyons entertained with engagement party

The Olde South Inn was ablaze with candlelight on Saturday, March 12th when Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cash entertained with an engagement party honoring Miss Vaughan Boyd and Mr. Grant Lyons of Knoxville, Tenn. Their wedding will be an event August 6.

Long sprays of spring blossoms - flowering quince, bridal wreath, peach, pear, and plum blooms, camellias and aspidistra filled the mantels of the reception rooms. An antique silver pedestal vase overflowing with yellow Gerber daisies blue stock and other spring flowers centered the supper table and Mr. Lyons' silver punch service placed at one end of the table.

An elaborate dinner ending with a selection of the Inn's signature desserts, was served to a large gathering of friends, family members, and wedding attendants who were seated at tables across the deck, and out into the back garden. Pillow candles and camellias created a festive atmosphere.

Out of town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons of Knoxville, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. John Story of Crossville, Tenn. parents and grandparents of the groom, Mr. Parker Walton of Crossville, Tenn., Miss Shannon Carnahan of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Miss Meredith Bushy, Mr. Ross Dorrough, Mr. Josh Gamble, Miss Taylor Brannon, Mr. Kevin Barberio, and Miss Autumn Smith all of Birmingham, Ala. Miss Jamie Dorsett and Mr. Martin Jackson of Prattville, Ala. and Mrs. Boyd English and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boyd of Dothan, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Williams, Sally Helms, Miss Penny Helms, and Miss Mary Sue Cain all of Enterprise and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Smith of Andalusia.

Later in the evening Vaughan entertained the wedding party at a Bunkhouse party at the barn on the family farm at Richburg.

Two Mizell employees names "Health Care Heroes"

The Alabama Hospital Association recently recognized two employees at Mizell Memorial Hospital as "Health Care Heroes". Dr. Wheeler A. Gunnels, medical director, and Director of Nurses Pat Hill, RN-MSN, CRNP, were named by the Southeast Council of the association at a luncheon held in Dothan. They were two of 10 people recognized for outstanding service to Alabama's hospital patients.

"These are men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving their patients," said Stan Hammack, Alabama Hospital Association chairman. "They represent well the mission of hospitals to heal and provide comfort, and we are pleased to be able to honor them."

Mizzell Memorial Hospital CEO Allen Foster said both honorees are deserving of the recognition. "We are so blessed in our country and our state to have this caliber of professionals working in health care. It goes without saying that they do for our patients and our community."

Hill's career started as a patient-care nurse in 1980, and she rose through the ranks as she continued her educational path toward becoming a family nurse practitioner in 1997.

"The nation is in a health care crisis with a nursing shortage," said Hill. "It's easy to criticize those who are working daily in spite of this challenge. This recognition is one way to recognize their efforts and positively influence young people to consider healthcare as a career."

Gunnels' reaction to the recognition was modest. "I was so proud when I learned about it. It's a big honor to be recognized along with all these nurses, because we've always known it's the nurses who do all the work. There are dozens of others in our organization who are just as worthy."

Calico Fort Arts & Crafts Fair promises to be best ever

The 34th Annual Calico Fort Arts & Crafts Fair is being held April 9-10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is one of the largest in the Southeast with about 200 exhibitors carrying everything from jewelry, lawn furniture, folk art, plants, dolls and clothing, to toys, quilts, birdhouses, stained glass, and more. There will also be plenty of food, activities, and live entertainment for the entire family.

"Despite losing many trees and buildings during Hurricane Ivan, Calico Fort is cleaned up and reconstruction is nearly complete thanks to six months of hard work by the community," said Fort Deposit Arts Council President Frieda Cross.

"The six acres of booths and concessions will now be more open and easier to navigate than ever before," she said. "With new exhibits, popular entertainers, and more, this year's event promises to draw more visitors than ever before."

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$1 for kids 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the local community.

Calico Fort is located 30 miles S. of Montgomery off I-65. Take Exit 142 in Fort Deposit then follow the signs. Visit www.calicofort.com or call 334-227-4411 for more information.

American Sign Language will be taught April 5 through May 24, 2005. The class time will be on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. This will be held at Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, Dothan Regional Center, 111 Medical Drive, Dothan, Ala. The last day for registration is March 28, 2005. For more information call Cheryl Willis at 677-6270.

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Tiger Tales

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Did You Know?...

by Kayla Kelley

The beginnings of Spring Break may surprise you. Parents of today are not the only ones who have spent endless hours worrying where their teenagers are and what they are doing.

There is something about spring that urges young people to get out, relax and rejuvenate. It has been true ever since Socrates proposed a rite to welcome spring and allow young people to vent their energies. In the Middle Ages, it took armed bands of monks to stop the spring celebrations. But in spite of many objections, spring break went on through more modern times.

Other than Mardi Gras in New Orleans, America never

really caught the Spring Break bug... until the First World War, when American Doughboys, serving in France watched, wide-eyed with wonder, as the Europeans would temporarily halt Spring Offensive, and instead, party.

It wasn't until the 1960s became "the Swinging Sixties" that America truly took to Spring Break. Baby Boomers flocked to the beach in Detroit, eager to forget the War, social progress, and exams. By the 1980s, the ritual had improved somewhat, and record numbers of students broke their parents' pocketbooks by going south.

There is some good news. Since the 1990s, overindulgence eased up, and corporate sponsors are helping with entertainment such as concerts, shows, and give-aways.

The history of Spring Break may be surprising, but true. It has become an honorable ritual of ancient origin, one that you should proudly proclaim your part in.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Brittany Clark



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is **Kayla Gentry**. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Winona Gentry.

Kayla is currently employed at the Elba Marketplace, where she works in the deli. She has been working at the Marketplace for one year and nine months.

Kayla's future plans include going to college to become very successful. Kayla is described as being a very nice person with a big heart.

Congratulations, Kayla, for being this week's Co-Op Spotlight!



EHS needs votes for Play of the Year

by Judson Vaughan

It is obviously not November, but your votes are still needed.

As many of you know, and for those who do not, Elba High won the Play of the Week and Month on our daily morning show Channel One. The play happened during last October's Elba vs. Houston Academy football game when a kickoff

was returned for a touchdown by our very own junior, Hunter McGuire, with assistance from the impressive offensive line.

It was sent in by Coach Wynn Grimes and immediately was a hit.

Now it is time for the community's help.

The play is in the running for Play of the Year. To vote, go to www.channelone.com and click

on sports and from there, go to Play of the Year. Your votes will be greatly appreciated and the reward will be handsome.

First prize will be a spot in a national Gatorade commercial, so with that said the voting

should begin. The competition is stiff, but with your help we can put this fair city back on the map for something other than a natural disaster.

Just think, Elba on national television, anything is possible.

EHS Student Spotlight

by Gale Olson



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Ashley Gibson)...Just a few of the happy seniors counting down to May 19th!

Lakisha Tyson, a 17-year-old face of Elba High, is this week's Student Spotlight. She is the daughter of Lillian Teresa Allen. Lakisha is an active member of FBLA. She also enjoys playing basketball for the Varsity Lady Tigers as well as volleyball. Lakisha is a vital key player for each team. Her hard work, skills and positive attitude pay off in each success for both teams.

Lakisha is a gifted student with many goals ahead of her. After high school she plans to attend college, but her major is undecided at this point.

When asked how she would

describe herself in three words, she chose nice, funny and friendly. All three words fit her personality just right. She is an essential athlete, a positive student and a determined person; that is why Lakisha is this week's student spotlight.

Congratulations Lakisha, you deserve it!!!!

E.H.S. plans Eighth Grade Parents Night

Elba High School will have Eighth Grade Parents Night Thursday, March 31, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

Parents and students should attend this meeting to discuss important issues concerning their child's education for grades 9-12.

Topics for discussion will be credits for graduation, advanced and standard diploma, course selections, embedded credits, new graduation requirements, eligibility for extra-curricular activities, four year plans and other topics of interest.

Upcoming Events at E.E.S.

March 18-25 - Spring Break
April 4-15 - SAT Testing
April 5-6 - Kindergarten Registration
April 18 - School Holiday
April 19 - Teacher Inservice
April 26 - Grandparents Day

Basic computer course offered at LBWCC-MacArthur

LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer How to Use Your Personal Computer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. for six weeks. Classes will be held in the Computer Science Department, Room G-1. The class will begin on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 and end on Thursday, May 12, 2005.

How to Use Your Personal Computer is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. This hands-on course will cover Windows XP, Microsoft Word 2002, and the Internet. The cost of the course is \$85 per participant. Participants will be charged an additional fee for their textbook (\$45 est. book cost).

Nursing Contact Hour Credit is available for participants who successfully complete this course. Anyone interested in this course should register before Tuesday, April 5th. For more information or to register please contact the Admission's Office on the MacArthur Campus at (334) 493-3573, ext. 5360 or 5344.

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Student council secretary
Brittany Ballard
had fun with the
doughnut sale.

SCHOOLS



by Brittany Walker

On Feb. 25, Brantley had cheerleading and mascot tryouts. There are nine cheerleaders on the varsity squad and two mascots. They are (bottom, left to right): Cynathia Green, Candice Hamilton and Jamie Majors - co-captain; (middle, left to right): Casey Free, Amy Wicker, Cressia Mitchell and Brittany Ballard - captain; (top, left to right): Tiffany Lester - mascot, Lynley Godwin, Kelsey McCray and Kristin Compton - mascot.

Softball team improves each game

by Emily Cain

The Bulldog Softball team is working hard this season. The ladies are improving more and more every game.

The latest victory was against the Florida Wildcats with the final score being 13-10.

The team has a lot of heart and determination. The team members are: Emily Cain, Laken Dean, Kayla Kervin, Stimbile Lee, Kim McCann, Hudson.

Rodgers selected for area youth tour

by Shane Haws

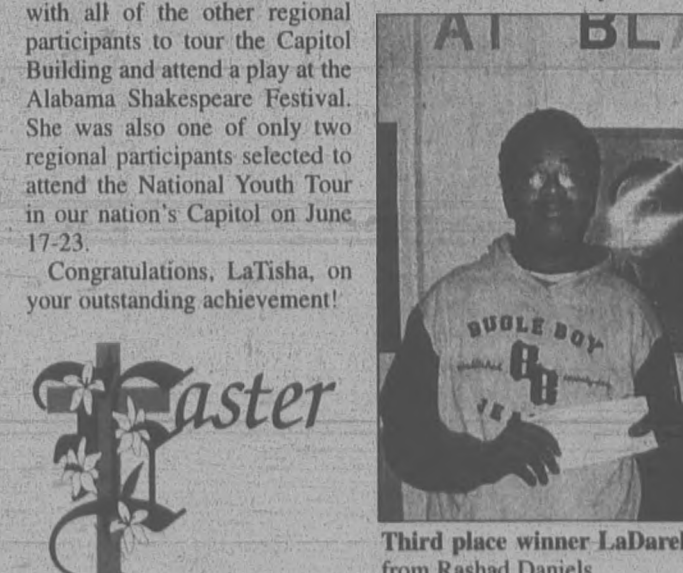
LaTisha Rodgers, a junior at BHS, was recently selected for the Covington Electric Area Youth Tour.

Several steps were involved in the selection of LaTisha to attend the Youth Tour.

First, she had to write an essay about electric cooperatives at the school level. She then had to compete against 11 other students at the regional level in an interview.

As a reward for all of her hard work, LaTisha went to Montgomery on March 16-18 with all of the other regional participants to tour the Capitol Building and attend a play at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. She was also one of only two regional participants selected to attend the National Youth Tour in our nation's Capitol on June 17-23.

Congratulations, LaTisha, on your outstanding achievement!



Brantley High student council conducts doughnut sale

by Rashad Daniels

Brantley Student Council held its annual doughnut sale Wednesday, March 16.

"We had over 400 doughnuts with 170 boxes of that 400 was extra to sale," said president Rashad Daniels. "At first I thought we were not going to be able to sell all of the boxes but as the morning went on it became clear we were going to."

The officers of the student council said, "we'll be happy if we never see another doughnut again." They had been up ever since 5:30 a.m.

This money is going to help them get a new podium. They will also help the cheerleaders purchase a new mascot uniform for the school real-ly needs.

I would like to thank everyone who purchased a box of doughnuts. It really helped us out a lot.

Anyone not doing anything on April 1st should stop by



The cheerleading sponsors are (left to right): Kelly Kilcrease, Kim Lowery and LeAnn Tew.



by Brittany Walker

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Holland attends leadership conference

by Shane Haws

Brantley's very own Jessica Holland recently participated in the National Young Leadership Conference in Washington D.C.

Jessica is a member of the junior class. She was one of 400 students chosen from the Who's Who Among American High School Students organization to attend the conference.

At the conference, Jessica roomed with people from Virginia, West Virginia and

for the first time. She would also like to thank all of the sponsors who supported her financially to attend the trip.

Yearbook staff enjoys educational trip

by Jeremy Dorsey

The Brantley Yearbook staff is working very hard on the 2005 yearbook.

The staff took a field trip a few weeks ago. They traveled to Montgomery to visit the Herff Jones plant. This is where the

2005 Bulldog will be manufactured.

The staff was able to witness how yearbooks are assembled. The staff seemed to have had a lot of fun and a very educational trip.

The staff encourages every-one to purchase a yearbook.

Student Hi-Lite

by Laken Dean

This month's Student Hi-Lite is **Dusty Gooden**. He is 15-years-old and in the ninth grade.

Dusty is the son of Chris and Mona Gooden. He is a member of the baseball team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America and was a member of the 2004 J.V. football team.

Dusty was chosen by history teacher Coach Ashley Kilcrease.

Congratulations Dusty and keep up the good work.

SPORTS

Views From....
THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz girls saw their annual spring break trek to the beach end last week when we all decided to head down to Mobile for a visit with Grandma. While the girls always enjoyed their beach trips and their rides up and down the "strip," the chance to visit their Grandma over the Easter weekend easily won their choice of things to do. Maybe the girls are really growing up after all!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers saw their record move to 4-5 last week (1-1 in area play) after a win over Highland Home and a loss to Geneva County. The win over the Flying Squadron was a sweet one for the Tigers after a 13-2 loss at Highland Home earlier in the season, and a bright spot in the win was the pitching of sophomore Steven Driggers. Driggers set down the Highland Home batters in order in four of the seven innings he pitched, and allowed only three earned runs as he limited the hard-hitting Squadron to only five hits. The youthful Tiger pitcher did allow seven free passes on five walks and two hit batters, but he picked up the win and solidified his spot as the #2 starter in the Elba rotation. The Tigers matched Geneva County in hits with seven in last week's area loss to the Bulldogs, but never came up with the big hit at the right time and stranded eight runners on base as they were shut-out for only the second time this season. The key to the shut-out was the fact 11 Tiger batters struck out, including six strike-outs with runners on base. The seven hits was a sign the Tigers have begun to swing the bats better. However, getting the hits at the right time is more important than just getting hits, and when the Tigers can combine their hitting with some key hits, the runs will score and wins will add up.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers outscored Geneva County 8-7 last week to enter spring break with a 5-6 record. The Lady Tigers got off to a slow 0-4 start that had the coaches, players and their fans wondering what was wrong. However, since that slow start the Lady Tigers have won five of their next seven games, with the only loss to 2A power Plomaton and 4A Geneva. Elba will need to improve on its productivity at the plate and score more runs if the wins are to continue to come, and must also shore up a leaky defense that at times helps its opponents score runs. The Lady Tigers have one of the state's top pitchers in Stephanie Baxley and a group of girls that play hard every time they hit the field. So, maybe soon the girls will put it all together and make some noise.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association was in the news last week for a number of reasons, and much of the news was of interest to coaches, players and sports fans all across the state. One of the biggest changes was the move to allow high schools seven days of competition per sport during the summer months. In the past many high school football teams went to a camp, but under the new rule the teams may attend a camp and still have days left to compete in some type of competition. The only equipment allowed will be helmets, which means many schools will now host "seven on seven" competition to give their teams the chance to work on both offense and defense. A change that all baseball coaches were happy to see was one that will allow players to participate in a throwing program three weeks prior to the beginning of practice. No bats will be allowed at the work-outs, but pitchers and other players will get the opportunity to get their arms in shape before actual practice begins. A change that all football fans will notice next season was one that mandated all high school football games will begin at 7:00 PM. Last season many teams kicked off at 7:00, while most waited and started at 7:30. The earlier starting times will help the players, band members, cheerleaders and fans have a little earlier. However, it will also dictate those same people having to leave earlier to make the kickoff. I think the time should have been left up to the schools, but then again it is rare for the fans to be considered when changes are made.

*** The AHSAA mailed out its bulletin recently and inside was revealed the fact that a total of 28 schools across the state had been fined a total of \$7,550 for various rule violations. Area schools that drew the wrath of the state included Andalusia, for an altercation in football in which players left the sidelines; Daleville, for using an ineligible player in football; and Arton, for using two ineligible players. I guess there is little doubt the state really does keep an eye on the schools, and hints where it hurts the most - in the check-book!

*** In closing... I entered a pool in the NCAA tournament sponsored by Sports Illustrated that would pay out \$1 million to anyone that could pick the winners of all 63 games and even though I knew it was a long shot, I took a little time studying the brackets and made my picks. Well after the first four games were played my chance had gone by the board and now the best I can hope for is a consolation prize of a vacation somewhere in Mexico. I am not making vacation plans, either.

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Elba turns back late rally**Tigers shoot down Squadron 10-9**

The Elba Tigers returned to their winning ways last Tuesday afternoon with an exciting 10-9 victory over the Highland Home Flying Squadron, in Elba.

Elba sophomore pitcher Steven Driggers set down the Squadron in order the opening two innings, while the Tiger batters also came ready to play as they collected five hits over the opening two innings and plated five runs to jump out to an early 5-0 lead.

Elba failed to take advantage of a scoring opportunity in the bottom of the first as LaRay Williams led off the inning with a single, stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. Marquize Tyson was hit by a pitch to put runners on first and third with no outs. However, the next two Tiger batters popped up in the infield and the early scoring chance went by the board when the next batter grounded out to second base.

The second inning was a different story for the Tigers as they combined four hits with one walk and one Highland Home error to grab a 5-0 advantage. Chase Boutwell opened the inning with a single, but appeared to be stuck on first after the next two batters struck out. An error off the bat of Brad Sullivan kept the inning alive, while a walk to LaRay Williams loaded the bases with two outs. The Tigers got on the scoreboard when Marquize Tyson delivered an RBI single to drive in Boutwell, and the Tigers then moved on top 4-0 when Clark Skinner ripped a bases-loaded triple. Skinner scored on a single by Adam Spicer, and after two innings Elba was in command with a 5-0 lead.

Elba's big lead didn't last for long; however, as Highland Home took advantage of three hit batters, two walks and two errors to plate four runs in the top of the fourth as the Flying Squadron chopped the Tigers' lead to 5-4.

Elba failed to score in the bottom of the inning and carried the slim 5-4 lead into the bottom of

the fourth, but then saw its bats come back to life as the Tigers used three hits to plate three runs as they upped their lead to 8-4.

A two-out single by Marquize Tyson ignited the Elba rally, while a single by Clark Skinner and a passed ball left the Tigers with runners on second and third. Back-to-back walks to Adam Spicer and Ryan Gibbs forced in Tyson, while Chase Boutwell followed with a two-run single as the Tigers regained command with an 8-4 lead.

Highland Home combined four hits with a walk to score two runs in the top of the fifth as the Squadron pulled within 8-6, but then watched as the Tigers added a lone run in their half of the frame to extend their lead to 9-6.

Elba's run came when Aaron Harelson reached on a fielder's choice and later scored on an RBI double by Brad Sullivan.

Ryan Gibbs scored a two-out walk and later scored on an RBI single by Chase Boutwell as the Tigers upped their lead to 10-6 in the bottom of the sixth, and the late run proved to be the game winner as Highland Home staged a furious seventh inning rally and the Flying Squadron pulled within 10-9 after belting two home-runs in their final trip to the plate.

Chase Boutwell had 3 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 2 runs to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Clark Skinner added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and collected 3 RBI's. Marquize Tyson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Adam Spicer added 2 hits and scored 1 run and LaRay Williams and Brad Sullivan both added 1 hit. Steven Driggers pitched six and two-thirds innings to pick up the win on the mound and allowed seven runs (three earned runs) on five hits, five walks and two hit batters. Clark Skinner picked up the save as he faced one batter and collected a strike-out to end the game.

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their winning ways last Monday morning by downing the Zion Chapel Rebels 3-1, at Zion Chapel. Heath Parker handcuffed the Rebels on 5 hits and struck out 7 batters to get the win on the mound, while Josh Smith was saddled with the loss despite allowing only 4 hits and striking out 13 batters. Mark Windham ripped a two-run homer and Drew Donaldson added an RBI double to spark the Gamecocks at the plate, while Brandon Taylor had 3 hits to lead the Rebels and Josh Smith added 2 hits.

Zion Chapel sneaks past Kinston 4-3

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Elba trailed 6-0 heading into the top of the seventh after a solo home-run by the Bulldogs in the bottom of the sixth, and again had little trouble getting runners on base as the Tigers loaded the bases with only one out on a double by Chase Boutwell and free passes to Aaron Harelson and Brad Sullivan. The late rally was extinguished when the next two Tiger batters struck out, and Elba was forced to settle for the 6-0 loss.

Clark Skinner and Adam Spicer both had 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while LaRay Williams, Chase Boutwell and Brad Sullivan all added 1 hit. Clark Skinner pitched six innings to absorb the loss on the mound and allowed six runs (four earned runs) on seven hits, one walk and one hit batter, while striking out seven batters.

Geneva County bunched three hits together in the bottom of the fourth to increase its lead to 3-0, then combined two hits with an Elba error in the bottom of the fifth to up its lead to 5-0 after five innings of play.

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Elba Tiger JV pitcher Don Rhoades delivers a pitch in recent junior varsity action. Rhoades was the Tigers #1 pitcher and helped lead Elba to 4 wins both on the mound and at the plate.

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New Brockton posts 3-1 win over Zion Chapel

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Elba at New Brockton (4:30)

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SPORTS



Elba Lady Tiger freshman catcher Kayla Miller gives a target during a recent win. The Lady Tigers defeated Geneva County last week 8-7 to improve their record to 5-6, on the season after struggling to an 0-4 start. Elba will compete on April 2 at the Pleasant Home Lady Eagle Invitational Softball Tournament.

Jason Hogan takes home checkered flag at 29th annual Rattler 200 event

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway opened the 2005 racing season with the 29th Annual Rattler Weekend Friday and Saturday. The weekend featured the Rattler 200 Super Late Model race. After finishing second the last two years, it was a trophy Jason Hogan wanted to add to his collection. After 200 grueling laps, Hogan stood in Victory Lane, clutching to the winner's trophy.

Scot Smith led 30 cars in qualifying, turning the 470th mile oval in 16:249 seconds. Smith led the field to the green flag and grabbed the early lead, setting a quick pace. Hogan moved from sixth to second behind Smith by lap 22. Jr. Niedecken had a fast car and moved past Hogan on lap 29. Niedecken settled in behind the speedy Smith. Several cautions dotted the race between laps 34 and 75. With each restart, Smith pulled away from Niedecken and the rest of the field. Smith led Niedecken, Ronnie Sanders, Bradberry, and Hogan to a planned competition at lap 75.

After the field got fresh tires and fuel under the planned stop, Smith jumped out to a comfortable lead again. With fresh tires, the speeds picked up, and the racing got a little crazy for several laps. The caution waved a couple more times in the next 15 laps. Then came a 20-lap stretch of green. During this stretch, Hogan began to show his true strength, getting past Sanders and Niedecken to take second. Sanders slowed on lap 120 when his Intrepid lost power. He coasted to a stop before making it to pit road, bringing out the yellow. Sanders' crew got his ride refired and he rejoined the race a lap down. Sanders was able to pull to the inside of Smith to try to regain the lap. On lap 131, Smith and Sanders got together heading down the backstretch. Smith spun to the inside and contacted the inside wall hard, ending his upset bid. Sanders wasn't rewarded his lap back, although he did make it up later.

During this caution, most of the leaders headed to the pits for their last set of tires. Keith Cabala stayed out and took over the point. Eddie Mercer came out of the pits first, ahead of Bradberry, Jeremy Rice, and Hogan. With fresh tires, Mercer quickly got by Cabala, bringing Bradberry, Hogan, and Donald Long with him. With 50 laps to go, Mercer led, Bradberry, Hogan, Long, and Bubba Pollard.

One lap later, Mercer and Bradberry got together while fighting for the lead, spinning both. Hogan took over the lead followed by Long, Ryan Crane, Pollard, and Wes Loyd. Long was able to get close to Hogan,

even rubbing bumpers on a couple of occasions, but Hogan was able to get off the corners and hold his position.

Hogan had to survive a couple of restarts in the last 25 laps. As the race headed into the final 10 laps, Long had used up all his ammo and Hogan gained a slight advantage as he headed to the checkered flag. Long followed about a car length back.

After making up his lap, Sanders charged back to finish third. Donnie Wilson made the trip from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and went back with a fourth place finish. Niedecken rounded out the top five.

In Saturday's local action, Jason Singletary took the lead on lap 33 and went on to win the 40-lap Roadrunner Feature. Jerry Hudson took the lead form the outside pole, leading until lap 17 when Billy Maxie took over. Four laps later, Tim Peters got past Maxie to take the top spot. Singletary followed Peters past Maxie a couple of laps later. With the race going green the last 16 laps, Singletary had plenty of time to work on Peters.

On lap 33, Singletary made the winning move. Peters followed Singletary across the line. Maxie held on to third with John Singletary fourth and Hudson fifth.

In the Cup/Lites Feature, Heath Mills took the lead on the final lap to take the win. Mills had followed Zach Hammett all race, looking for a way around the leader. On the final lap, the pair got together fighting for the win. Hammett got the worse end of the tangle, losing three spots. Mills went on to take the win ahead of Chris Lucas, Andy Pugh, Hammett, and Jamie Martin.

In Friday night's action, Steven Davis led flag to flag to take the win in the 50-lap Super Stock Feature. David grabbed the lead from the outside pole. Jerry Weatherington took the early challenge of keeping pace with Davis. However, Bill Brown was the one making progress. Brown started 11th, but was second by lap 10. Brown closed in on Davis, but as the race wore on, Brown's car loosened up and he couldn't maintain his pace. Scotty Anderson got past Brown on lap 26 to take second. Anderson pulled to Davis' bumper with the aid of a couple of cautions. But Davis was too strong on this night. Davis led Anderson across the line by a couple of car lengths. Mills finished third, followed by Brown and Weatherington.

In the 50-lap Vintage Feature, Phillip Anderson took the lead on the second lap and went on to take the win. As always, the Vintage class had a tight battle for the lead. Anderson had to hold off Duane Bates, Steve Stewart, and Chris Bayhi to take

the win. Stewart's night ended on lap 34 when his engine let go. Anderson held the lead till the end, beating Bates, Bayhi, Ted Shores, and Jason Windham.

Rege Hellett returned to South Alabama and looked to be in his old form. The 1999 Modified Championed all 40 laps to take the win in the Modified Feature. Doug Rogers chased Hellett all race but was no match for the Panama City driver on this night. Kevin Peel was third with Scott Barbanc fourth and Clay Galbreath fifth.

In the 50-lap Street Stock Feature, Sam Smith scored his first Street Stock win. Todd Valdez led the first lap before giving way to Chad Roberts. Scott Morse grabbed the lead from Roberts on the third lap, leading until lap 22. Smith, starting sixth, calmly moved through the field, moving into second on lap 13. When Morse slowed on lap 23, Smith took the lead. 2004 Street Stock Champion Derek Deese was Smith's last challenge, but Smith was up to the task, leading Deese across the line. Roberts was tied at the end, followed by Johnny Willis and Valdez.

In the Coyote Feature, Tracy Thompson grabbed the lead three laps from the end to take the win. Billy Thompson followed with Perry Boon third. Thompson came from the rear of the field, taking the lead from Boon.

In the Mini Sportsman Feature, Mike Wolfe took the lead from Mike Cherry on lap eight and went on to take the win. Dwayne Maloy, Rodney Maloy, Jeremy Peacock, and Josh Cherry followed Wolfe.

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The MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College will offer a FREE Boating Safety Course on Monday, April 11th and Tuesday, April 12th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. each evening sponsored by the Alabama Marine Police Division. The program will be held in the Conference Center-Building on the MacArthur Campus in Opp. Participants must attend both nights of the course.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Miss Miller chosen as finalist in the National American Miss Alabama Pageant

Miss Kayla Ann Miller, age 15, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Alabama Pageant to be held May 30, 2005 at the beautiful Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Ala. The pageant is held for girls ages 13 through 15.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and sash, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. Pageants are held for girls four to eighteen, in five age groups.

The National American Miss pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and



Miss Kayla Ann Miller

encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young women nationwide. All activities

are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

Families interested in receiving information about this unique and outstanding youth program may visit www.namiss.com.

The National American Miss pageants are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leaders." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Miss Miller's activities include: Varsity softball, FFA, FFLA, FBLA, Elba High Marching and Concert band, and attending church activities. She also enjoys riding horses, 4-wheelers, and hanging out with friends and family.

Ingestion of cigarettes among small children has toxic effects

In recognition of National Poison Prevention Week, March 20-26, 2005, the Alabama Department of Public Health, Tobacco Prevention and Control Division is alerting the public about ways to prevent childhood poisoning. Cigarettes and cigarette butts may poison children who ingest them.

The American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) receives almost 8,000 reports of potentially toxic exposures to tobacco products among children aged 6 years and younger in the United States. Most cases of nicotine poisoning among children result from their ingestion of cigarettes or cigars. According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Rhode Island Department of Health, children in households where cigarettes are smoked in their presence were four times more likely to ingest cigarettes or cigarette butts than in house-

holds where smoking does not occur around children. Most ingestions happen in homes where children are exposed to secondhand smoke and where cigarettes and ashtrays were kept within reach of children.

Adults who smoke in the home may not be aware of the danger of cigarettes and cigarette butts to children. "Children aged 6-24 months old are actively exploring their environment and often put things into their mouths. It is very important that parents and caregivers store tobacco products out of the reach of children always, and that they do not smoke around children because of the associated health hazards," said Sherif Ortega, Tobacco Prevention and Control Coordinator Southeast Alabama.

While minor toxic clinical effects may occur such as vomiting, nausea, lethargy, gagging, and a pale or flushed appearance, severe toxicity among

children who ingested cigarettes, cigarette butts, or snuff, include depressed respiration, cardiac arrhythmia, and convulsion. If ingestion does occur, a poison-control center should be consulted to assess the risks for serious toxicity and determine treatment.

In addition to preventing nicotine poisoning, avoiding the use of tobacco products in the presence of children should decrease the risks of infections from respiratory diseases in children; the risk that children will smoke in the future; and children's access to lighted cigarettes, matches, and cigarette lighters, thereby reducing fires started by children-the leading cause of fire-related deaths among children aged less than 5 years.

Parents and guardians who want to quit should seek health care advice or call 334-566-2860 for smoking cessation information and referrals.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee and Pike Counties, and the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, providing for the establishment of a pretrial diversion program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Alabama may establish a pretrial diversion program.

(b) All discretionary powers endowed by the common law and provided for by statutes and acts of this state or powers of discretion otherwise provided by law for the District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit shall be retained.

(c) The pretrial diversion program shall be under the direct supervision and control of the district attorney and the district attorney may contract with any agency, person, or corporation for services related to the act. The district attorney may employ necessary persons to accomplish this act and these persons shall serve at the pleasure of the district attorney.

Section 2. For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) DISTRICT ATTORNEY: The District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama, or any of his or her staff.

(2) LAW ENFORCEMENT or LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Any person who is employed by an agency or department whose purpose is to protect people. This may include, but is not limited to, police personnel, sheriff personnel, coroner, Department of Human Resources personnel, parole and probation personnel, community corrections officers, personnel, and court referral office personnel, whether that agency or department is in the State of Alabama or located elsewhere.

(3) OFFENDER: Any person charged with a crime as defined by the Code of Alabama 1975, which was allegedly committed in the jurisdiction of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama.

(4) SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY: As that term is defined in Section 13A-1-2(14), Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 3. (a) A person charged with a criminal offense specified in this subsection whose jurisdiction is in the circuit or district court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit may apply to the District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit for admittance to the pretrial diversion program.

(b) A person charged with any of the following offenses may apply for admittance into the program:

(1) A traffic offense, other than driving under the influence (DUI).

(2) A property offense, in which the victim did not receive serious physical injury.

(3) An offense in which the victim was not a child under 14 years of age, a law enforcement officer, a school official, or a correctional officer.

(4) A misdemeanor other than one specifically excluded in this section.

(5) A violation classified

under the Code of Alabama 1975.

(c) The following offenses are ineligible for consideration for the pretrial diversion program:

(1) Trafficking in or distribution of drugs, or both.

(2) Any offense involving the abuse of a child or an elderly person.

(3) Any sex offense.

(4) Any Class A felony.

(5) Any offense involving serious injury to a person.

(6) Any offense involving death.

(7) Driving under the influence.

(d) A person deemed by the district attorney to be a threat to the safety or well-being of the community shall not be eligible for the pretrial diversion program.

Section 4. (a) Admittance to the pretrial diversion program shall be appropriate in any of the following instances:

(1) The offender is 18 years of age or older, or 16 years of age or older if the offense is a traffic citation, at the time the alleged offense was committed.

(2) There is a probability of justice will be served if the offender is admitted in the diversion program.

(3) It is determined the needs of the state and of the offender can be met through the pretrial diversion program.

(4) The offender appears to pose no substantial threat to the safety and well-being of the community.

(5) It appears the offender is not likely to be involved in further criminal activity.

(6) The district attorney will likely respond to rehabilitative treatment.

(7) The district attorney may waive any of the standards specified in subsection (c) if justice or special circumstances dictate.

Section 5. (a) Prior to being admitted to the pretrial diversion program or as a part of the district attorney's evaluation process, an applicant may be required by the district attorney to furnish information concerning past criminal history, educational history, work record, family history, medical or psychiatric treatment or care received, psychological tests taken, and any other information concerning the offender which the district attorney believes has a bearing on the decision as to whether or not the offender should be admitted to the pretrial diversion program.

(b) The district attorney may require the offender to submit to any type of test or evaluation process or interview the district attorney deems appropriate in evaluating the offender for admittance into the pretrial diversion program. The costs of any test or evaluation shall be paid by the offender or as otherwise agreed to or as provided for by this act.

Section 6. (a) An offender who enters into the pretrial diversion program shall be subject to each of the following requirements:

(1) Voluntarily waive, in writing, and contingent upon the successful completion of the program, his or her right to a speedy trial.

(2) While in the program, the applicant shall agree, in writing, to the tolling of periods of limitations established by statutes or rules of court.

(3) Agree, in writing, to the conditions of the pretrial diversion program established by the district attorney.

(4) If there is a victim of the crime, agree in writing to pay restitution, if any, due the victim within a specified period of time.

and in an amount to be determined by the district attorney taking into account circumstances of the offender and victim.

(b) The district attorney's pretrial diversion program shall be allocated to the district attorney's pretrial diversion program, along with the records relating to pretrial diversion program admission, confidential records and shall not be admissible in subsequent proceedings, criminal or civil.

Communications between pretrial diversion program counselors and defendants shall be privileged unless a court of competent jurisdiction determines there is a compelling public interest that the communications be submitted to the court for an in camera review.

Section 7. (a) Except for traffic offenses, an offender shall make application to the pretrial diversion program no later than 21 days after his or her first appearance or arraignment, whichever occurs first. In the case of eligible traffic offenses, application shall be made within 21 days of the issuance of the citation.

(b) For good cause established, the district attorney of the district attorney, the provision of subsection (a) may be waived.

Section 8. (a) An applicant may be assessed a fee for the pretrial diversion program, the amount of the fee shall be determined by the district attorney. The fee shall be collected by the district attorney. The fee shall be used for the cost of supervision, treatment, and restitution for which the pretrial diversion program may be assessed a fee.

(b) The district attorney may waive any of the standards specified in subsection (c) if justice or special circumstances dictate.

Section 9. (a) Prior to being admitted to the pretrial diversion program or as a part of the district attorney's evaluation process, an applicant may be required by the district attorney to furnish information concerning past criminal history, educational history, work record, family history, medical or psychiatric treatment or care received, psychological tests taken, and any other information concerning the offender which the district attorney believes has a bearing on the decision as to whether or not the offender should be admitted to the pretrial diversion program.

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(5) A misdemeanor other than one specifically excluded in this section.

(6) A violation classified

under the Code of Alabama 1975.

(c) The following offenses are ineligible for consideration for the pretrial diversion program:

(1) Trafficking in or distribution of drugs, or both.

(2) Any offense involving the abuse of a child or an elderly person.

(3) Any sex offense.

(4) Any Class A felony.

(5) Any offense involving serious injury to a person.

(6) Any offense involving death.

(7) Driving under the influence.

(d) A person deemed by the district attorney to be a threat to the safety or well-being of the community shall not be eligible for the pretrial diversion program.

Section 11. (a) Admittance to the pretrial diversion program shall be appropriate in any of the following instances:

(1) The offender is 18 years of age or older, or 16 years of age or older if the offense is a traffic citation, at the time the alleged offense was committed.

(2) There is a probability of justice will be served if the offender is admitted in the diversion program.

(3) It is determined the needs of the state and of the offender can be met through the pretrial diversion program.

(4) The offender appears to pose no substantial threat to the safety and well-being of the community.

(5) It appears the offender is not likely to be involved in further criminal activity.

(6) The district attorney will likely respond to rehabilitative treatment.

(7) The district attorney may waive any of the standards specified in subsection (c) if justice or special circumstances dictate.

Section 12. (a) Prior to being admitted to the pretrial diversion program or as a part of the district attorney's evaluation process, an applicant may be required by the district attorney to furnish information concerning past criminal history, educational history, work record, family history, medical or psychiatric treatment or care received, psychological tests taken, and any other information concerning the offender which the district attorney believes has a bearing on the decision as to whether or not the offender should be admitted to the pretrial diversion program.

(b) The district attorney may require the offender to submit to any type of test or evaluation process or interview the district attorney deems appropriate in evaluating the offender for admittance into the pretrial diversion program. The costs of any test or evaluation shall be paid by the offender or as otherwise agreed to or as provided for by this act.

Section 13. (a) An offender who enters into the pretrial diversion program shall be subject to each of the following requirements:

(1) Voluntarily waive, in writing, and contingent upon the successful completion of the program, his or her right to a speedy trial.

(2) While in the program, the applicant shall agree, in writing, to the tolling of periods of limitations established by statutes or rules of court.

(3) Agree, in writing, to the conditions of the pretrial diversion program established by the district attorney.

(4) If there is a victim of the crime, agree in writing to pay restitution, if any, due the victim within a specified period of time.

(5) A misdemeanor other than one specifically excluded in this section.

(6) A violation classified

under the Code of Alabama 1975.

(c) The following offenses are ineligible for consideration for the pretrial diversion program:

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Section 14. (a) Admittance to the pretrial diversion program shall be appropriate in any of the following instances:

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(6) The district attorney will likely respond to rehabilitative treatment.

(7) The district attorney may waive any of the standards specified in subsection (c) if justice or special circumstances dictate.

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Section 16. (a) An offender who enters into the pretrial diversion program shall be subject to each of the following requirements:

(1) Voluntarily waive, in writing, and contingent upon the successful completion of the program, his or her right to a speedy trial.

(2) While in the program, the applicant shall agree, in writing, to the tolling of periods of limitations established by statutes or rules of court.

(3) Agree, in writing, to the conditions of the pretrial diversion program established by the district attorney.

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(5) A misdemeanor other than one specifically excluded in this section.

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(d) A person deemed by the district attorney to be a threat to the safety or well-being of the community shall not be eligible for the pretrial diversion program.

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Winners crowned in 2005 Tri-County Sweetheart Beauty Pageant



2005 BABY MISS (from left)...Ellie Caroline Bradshaw, first runner up; Kelsey Hope Wambles, 2005 Baby Tri-County Sweetheart; and Caitlyn Sierra Gideon, second runner up.



2005 LITTLE MISS (from left)...Marley Shayne Jacobs, first runner up; Taylor Elizabeth Rester, 2005 Little Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Alex Paige Wiggins, second runner up.



2005 MINI MISS (from left)...Caitlin Cooper, first runner up; Brooke Weeks, 2005 Mini Miss Tri-County Sweetheart; and Daisy Shelton, second runner up.

NASCAR comes to Elba Elementary School

Most children enjoy the excitement and thrill of a good race. Now, faculty members at Elba Elementary School hope to transfer that excitement to a "not so exciting" task that lies ahead for most students in Alabama's public schools.

SAT (Stanford Achievement Tests) are required each Spring for students in elementary grades 3-6 in Alabama public schools.

Elba Elementary School students in grades 2-6 will be tested this year. The results of these tests compare the students to others throughout the state and nation who also take the tests. Thus, the daunting task of encouraging students to remember what they have learned and apply those skills to questions they find on standardized tests.

That is where NASCAR comes in. NASCAR - Now All Scores Can Actually Rise!

Elba Elementary School faculty members have developed an incentive program to help motivate students in preparation for SAT.

Each day during the week prior to SAT, students will begin their day with a "race." An announcement will be made not "gentleness, start your engines!" but instead,

"Students, Start Your Brains!"

With the roar of engines blaring over the intercom all students will answer a practice test question in their classrooms. The classroom with the highest percentage correct will receive a giant race trophy to proudly display in their classroom for the day.

NASCAR displays in the lunchroom including checkered flags and a life-sized Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Bobby Labonte will encourage students to remember good test-taking strategies.

Students will also participate in silly races each day to foster team-building skills and encourage good sportsmanship and friendly competition.

The faculty of Elba City Schools hope NASCAR - Now All Scores Can Actually Rise! will encourage students and the system will see great results when test scores return.

Parents are encouraged to stress to their child the importance of these tests as well as all academic endeavors. Student attendance on testing days is extremely important. Students who are absent will be required to take make-up tests when they return to school.

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2005 TINY MISS (from left)...Hallee Terry, first runner up; Brooke Macon, 2005 Tiny Tri-County Sweetheart; and

Four young ladies received Miss Elba crowns Saturday, March 5



FUTURE LITTLE MISS (from left)...Kurstin Jones, second runner up; Brayton Martin, 2005 Future Little Miss Elba; and Haley Parrish, first runner up.



JUNIOR MISS (from left)...Brianna Bailey, first runner up; Christina Bryant, 2005 Junior Miss Elba; and Haley Stinson, second runner up.



LITTLE MISS (from left)...Alex Dawson, fourth runner up; Katlyn Grogg, first runner up; Caitlin Bradshaw, 2005 Little Miss Elba; Madelyn Kelley, second runner up; & Cammie McCollough, third runner up



MISS ELBA (from left)...Arrian Bowers, third runner up; Casey Medlock, first runner up; Kendall Stinson, 2005 Miss Elba; and Whitney Anderson, second runner up.

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Effective with next monthly billing

Elba W & E Board approves slight increase in water rates

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Monday evening and voted unanimously for a modest raise in water rates effective with the next monthly billing. Elba water rates were last increased in January of 2003. Rural water rates were last increased in April 2001.

Under the new schedule the minimum water bill for the first 2,500 gallons will be \$8.50. That is up 50¢.

The next 2,500 gallons will cost \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons, up from \$3.00. The next 3,000 gallons go up only 20¢ per thousand gallons.

All usages over one million gallons will go up on five cents per thousand gallons.

Rural water rates were also increased with the first 2,500 gallons going up from \$10.15 to \$10.50. The second 1,000 gallons will cost \$3.75 per thousand, up from \$3.50. All monthly water usage over 20,000 gallons will cost \$2.40, up from \$2.30.

The board discussed a recommendation to increase electric rates but tabled the matter over some confusion with details of the proposal. It will be discussed again next month. Meanwhile actual cost increases will be reflected in the fuel adjustment portion of the utility bills.

In other business the board members reviewed the monthly financial reports. These showed an increase in electric usage and a decrease in water usage. Expenses were up, in part to system improvements.

Monthly bills totaling \$67,553.33 were approved for payment.

During Elba City Council meeting

City Clerk indicates Tiger Drive bridge should reopen this week

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council reappointed Herby McCall to the Elba Library Board in their Monday night meeting. The council also approved a highway department resolution concerning the downtown redevelopment project.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham told council members that the Tiger Drive bridge should be reopened this week. Erosion repairs are being completed on the concrete bridge that connects the Elba schools with Taylor Mill Road.

Grantham also announced there will be another "Clean Up Friday" this week. Assisting this effort are the residents of the Elba Work Release Center.

After a weekend of storms and heavy rains, Coffee County officials began the week wondering how everyone and everything endured the weather.

County engineer Randy Tindell told Coffee County Commissioners, Monday, March 28, during the regular bimonthly meeting, that his department was

in the process of reviewing all county roads.

He said county roads 437, 474 and 520 (a dirt road) remained closed Monday morning. During the meeting, Tindell said County Road 474 was closed due to the rising river; however, he said the river was expected to crest later in the day which would allow the road to reopen once the river level began dropping.

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Two Elba residents honored for heroic measures

Elba residents Wesley DeVane and Johnny Senn put it all on the line Friday night, Nov. 12, 2004 to save the life of another human being.

That life belonged to 22-year-old Justin Andrew Wilks of Opp, and he was present earlier this week at the Elba City Council meeting when DeVane and Senn each received a Certificate of Appreciation for their heroic efforts.

The certificates, signed by Alabama Governor Bob Riley, indicated the following: "On behalf of the citizens of Alabama, it is my privilege to award this certificate for your outstanding efforts to save the lives of others while endangering your own life. Your kindness and patriotism will not soon be forgotten and is to be commended and recognized. May I take this opportunity to offer my sincere appreciation to you and my best wishes for a future blessed with good health and much happiness."

DeVane is a member of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department and Senn is an Alabama State Trooper. The two men were traveling home to Elba with their wives following a high school football game on the evening of Nov. 12th when they realized an accident had occurred on Alabama Highway 87, just inside the Pike County line.

Once they arrived on scene, DeVane and Senn found the results of a three-vehicle accident. They also found Wilks trapped inside his vehicle.

According to reports, another vehicle had crossed lanes and collided head-on with the truck driven by Wilks. The force of the collision caused Wilks' vehicle to ignite, and DeVane and Senn worked to remove him from the cab of his truck before the fire reached him. Moments after they removed Wilks from the vehicle, an explosion occurred.



From left, Wesley DeVane, Justin Andrew Wilks and Johnny Senn

Commission approves resolution to support four-laning of Highway 167

by Linda Hodge, Editor

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As for County Road 437, Tindell said some repair work would be required.

Commissioners opened bids for various communications equipment for the emergency management office. Bids were opened for generators, outdoor warning sirens and an emergency communications radio tower.

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Area Happenings

HUMAN RESOURCES WILL HAVE CLEAN-UP DAY (vol.) Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 8 a.m. Anyone willing to volunteer can call 897-2667. In case of rain, we will reschedule.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME will hold meetings of the Elba Pre-Post Gastric Bypass Support Group each Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. For more information contact Cindy Murphy (cell), CPTP at 334/897-2237, Ext. 297, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

THE 2005 MISS ZION CHAPEL PAGEANTS, sponsored by Alutux International Inc. of Jack, Ala., will be held Saturday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at the Zion Chapel auditorium. Prizes and costumes will include Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel.

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY needs books for the book sale April 11-16 during regular hours: Monday, Friday 8:00-5:00; Tuesday, Thursday 9:00-3:00; Wednesday, Saturday 9:00-12:00.

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DEMOLITION UNDERWAY on the Jr. High Wing of the old Elba High School Tuesday morning. The City of Elba is removing this facility, described as beyond repair, and three frame houses acquired in the Elba levee expansion project. Heavy equipment was hired to demolish the four buildings and city crews will remove the debris as regular work schedules allow. The three houses were offered for sale, but there were no offers. The wing of the old school was offered to anyone who would tear it down and remove the debris but that offer had no takers either, even though there were several who initially expressed interest.